



### **Racing to give HOPE**

"Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars Hill, and said, Ye men of Athens..." (Acts 17:22)

"Mars Hill Ministry", what does that mean to you? To Paul, it meant (1) Ministering in the public MARKETPLACE and (2) MEETING PEOPLE where they are. Though I love seeing people saved "in church," nowhere does the Bible stress our getting people INTO the church to hear the gospel. The Bible does say to go OUT into "the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in that my house may be filled" (Luke 14:23). In context, the "house" to which Jesus referred is the place where his "supper"(14:24) will occur. That "house" is not the church, but rather heaven. We are to scour the places where the "undesirables" congregate and compel them to make preparation for heaven. Marketplace evangelism is exactly what Jesus did Himself, and desires for us to do.

Many of you are now familiar with a new venue, into which the Lord is leading us. Presenting the gospel via racing is certainly "outside the box." However, for me, it is an absolute "no-brainer." Anywhere people congregate can be a place to proclaim the name of our Savior. Ron Brindisi (co-founder of Racing to Give HOPE) and ministry partner with H.O.P.E. Ministries International will soon drive a car with H.O.P.E.'s logo, accompanied by our website and appropriate scripture references. Even while the car is being built, Ron is being mightily used of God to reach drivers with the gospel. Read the following testimony from Ron and praise God with us.

"Award winning painter and professional drag racer Garry Fauble received Christ as his personal Savior while attending our church's Christmas Cantata last week. What a way to start a new ministry!! The events leading up to this conversion were challenging, yet rewarding. It all started over 10 years ago with the first contact we had at a championship drag racing event. Several years later, I served as a crewmember for Garry where long tows to events provided the open door for me to begin witnessing to him. Interestingly enough, I have learned that it was my cheerful work ethic and refusal to overact to improper words and actions that arrested Garry's attention and began to turn his heart toward seeking the Lord. The Lord used the common bond of racing to bridge the gap and build a platform for presenting the gospel. All the credit goes to God. It's all about Him anyway."

Does your heart now leap for joy when you read such a stirring testimony? Mine does!!! Though Garry was saved in a church service, the witness of the gospel to him began well before his ever attending a service. It began with Ron meeting him where he lived, in the normal course of mutual interests. This is ministry exactly like Jesus would do it. Garry is the first fruits of "Racing to give H.O.P.E.", and should serve to inspire us toward more aggressive and creative methods of outreach with the gospel. Pray for Ron, as he and his dad continue to build the car and make the necessary preparations for years of successful ministry with us in racing. Also, pray for H.O.P.E. Ministries International and its ever expanding ministry to local churches, the military, sports evangelism, and missions outreaches around the globe. I thank God, daily, for the privilege of being an evangelist in this generation, and ask Him regularly for wisdom not to miss the opportunities that He is bringing and desires to bring our way.

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